

COLD WINDS PIERCE FLIMSY WALLS; POOR AFRAID TO PROTEST

Tenement Dwellers Suffer, While Sinks Are Frozen and Windows Lack Panes. The Law Flouted.

Proof that the new Division of Housing and Sanitation created by the last Legislature and ignored by Councils Finance Committee was a necessity was found today through an inspection of the tenement house district made by the Philadelphia Housing Commission.

The homes of the tenement poor who within the last two days have renewed their appeals to Councils to grant appropriations for the new Division of Housing and Sanitation presented heart-rending scenes.

Many of the houses entered by Bernard J. Keenan, secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Commission, showed that landlords had failed to correct certain violations complained of more than a year ago.

When inquiries were made at different houses as to how long the present conditions had existed, the occupants simply shrugged their shoulders. Others said they were afraid to make complaints.

"Why are you afraid?" a gray-haired umbrella messenger was asked. He lives in the heart of the 10th Ward.

"I owe a part of last month's rent," answered the man in a choking voice.

Since the cold spell set in occupants of Philadelphia's dirty, unventilated, windowless and kitchenless houses, which Archbishop Prendergast recently referred to as "plague spots," have begun to dig into their hard-earned savings.

"Yes, it does, as if we must suffer for the sins of the property owners," said an intelligent mother, who is compelled to buy two buckets of coal daily to protect her children from the draft of cold which penetrates through an old side wall.

The tenement poor do not buy their coal by the ton, they would like to buy a ton a time. They must afford it. The tenement poor go out daily and buy their coal at some corner coal store.

Buckets of coal these days are selling at \$3 a ton. There is another grade of coal which sells for less. Buying coal by the bucket usually brings the price up to about \$4 a ton, which can be bought on the market for half that amount.

MANY SINKS FROZEN. Frozen sinks are plentiful today. In the home of Mrs. Agnie Kim, on Spruce street near 9th, there is a sink in the "kitchen" which hasn't furnished any water for three days.

SEARCH INSTITUTED FOR MISSING REAL ESTATE MAN. Leader Marshall, of Lansdowne, Falls to Return Home.

A search is being made in this city today for Leader Marshall, 65 years old, real estate man, ex-Councilman of Lansdowne, Pa., and a trustee of the Lansdowne Presbyterian Church.

CROW'S POLITICAL FUTURE PLANNED BY PENROSE

State Senator Assured a Voice in National Party Councils. State Senator William E. Crow, Republican State chairman, is being groomed by Senator Penrose to become a national leader in the Republican party.

Part of Senator Penrose's plan to make Senator Crow, who managed his campaign this fall, a national power in the party is to have Crow succeed United States Senator Oliver when the latter's term expires in 1916, said these leaders today.

It became known today that Senator Crow also attended the conference. He went to New York with his sponsor, Senator Penrose, and remained until yesterday to confer with Mr. Hillis.

Senator Crow will help plan the next national fight and will take a prominent part in managing the Republican campaign, according to State leaders.

WANT OF CLOTHING KEEPS 900 CHILDREN AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Figures Gathered by Board of Education in 10 School Districts—Outsiders Must Help.

Nine hundred boys and girls in Philadelphia are staying home from school today because they have insufficient clothing.

Their coats and jackets are too thin or too ragged; their shoes, if they have any, are too dilapidated; and their overcoats, well, there aren't very many. In one family a single frayed overcoat is doing duty for six children.

The figures were gathered by the attendance officers of the Bureau of Compulsory Education in the 10 school districts of the city. Each of the cases is one of real need. They all were investigated by the officers, and were reported to the bureau.

"The number of children who cannot attend school this winter because of lack of sufficient food or clothing is greater than in any previous year," said Henry J. Gideon, chief of the bureau.

"During November the attendance was exceptionally good, because the weather was warm and winter late in coming," Mr. Gideon continued.

Absence of children from school because of lack of clothing are more numerous in the north and northeast sections of the city. In the 5th District there are 179 children with insufficient clothing, while the 8th District is second with 163. The children are all between 6 and 16 years old.

"Whatever is to be done to relieve the situation must come from philanthropic persons," said Mr. Gideon. "The Board of Education is not authorized to provide clothing or food for the school children, although there seems to be an opinion to the contrary. We merely can report such cases of need to relief societies and other philanthropic organizations."

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RED CROSS RECEIPTS \$5164. Report of Contributions by Emergency Aid Committee Division.

The total amount of money received up to noon today by the Red Cross division of the Emergency Aid Committee, 148 Walnut street, is \$5164, according to a report issued by Miss Henrietta B. Ely, chairman of the division.

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HIGH-SPEED MEETING TO BE HELD IN LOGAN TONIGHT

Director Taylor Will Tell Residents of Value of Real Rapid Transit.

The necessity for high-speed lines to connect Logan with other sections of the city will be pointed out tonight by Director Taylor of the Department of City Transit, in an address before the residents of North Philadelphia, who will hold a mass meeting at the Logan Auditorium.

In addition to the citizens of Logan and other northern communities, the meeting will be attended by delegates from various business men's organizations. The meeting will be held under the auspices of the Logan Improvement League and the combined committee on subways. R. N. Kelley will preside.

Considerable impetus has been given the movement for high-speed transit since the EVENING LEDGER's poll of Councils, which put every member of both chambers on record. As previously announced, only three Councilmen in the entire city voiced their opposition to the Taylor plan, and one of these, Peter E. Costello, of the 1st Ward, had a plan of his own. The Costello plan was condemned by every business organization in Philadelphia for the reason that it was recognized as a hold-up, with nothing in it to merit consideration.

CAMDEN'S CHRISTMAS TREE Giant Cedar, Laden With Gifts, Will Furnish Good Cheer.

A 60-foot municipal Christmas tree is being put in place today at the plaza of the Camden County Courthouse by a force of workmen, and City Electrician Kelly is preparing to fit into the big cedar from the Jersey wilderness hundreds of vari-colored electric lights.

The tree will be lighted Monday night, and every evening next week there will be carol singing by various Camden singing organizations and a band will play. Christmas Eve there will be a big celebration.

Hundreds of dollars worth of toys for the poor children of the city are to be distributed. Food has been supplied by various charitable organizations, and individuals, and baskets bulging with good things for the Christmas feast will be handed out to needy families.

POULTRY SHOW AWARDS Prize Winners and Champion Egg Layers Divide Interest.

Hundreds of persons, including bird fanciers and poultry breeders from all parts of the East, attended the third day's exhibit of the Philadelphia Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association in the First Regiment Armory today. Interest continued to be divided between prize winners and champion egg-layers.

The first prizes yesterday were: Columbian Wyandotte Cook—Elmer C. Hillborn; Columbian Wyandotte Cook—Elmer C. Hillborn; Columbian Wyandotte Pullet—J. S. Hillborn; Single Comb Buff Orpington Cook—Sunwick Poultry Farm; Single Comb Buff Orpington Hen—Sunwick Poultry Farm; Single Comb Buff Orpington Cockerel—Sunwick Poultry Farm; Single Comb Buff Orpington Pullet—Sunwick Poultry Farm; Single Comb Buff Orpington Pen—Heatherwood Farm; Single Comb White Orpington Hen—Edward A. Shiden; Single Comb White Orpington Cockerel—Heatherwood Farm; Single Comb White Orpington Pullet—J. H. Marshall; White Faverolle Cook—Fasting Farm; White Faverolle Hen—Fasting Farm; White Faverolle Cockerel—Fasting Farm; White Faverolle Pullet—D. Nease; Light Brahma Cook—J. D. Nease; Light Brahma Hen—William L. Cox; Light Brahma Cockerel—Sunwick Poultry Farm; White Brahma Pullet—Amantia Stetler.

RESULTS. POCONO MOUNTAINS, PA. TOBOGGANING AT BUCK HILL. Red—Registration—Recreation THE WINTER INN—BUCK HILL FALLS, PA. CHALMERS, N. C. CALHOUN MANSION. Count for exclusive possession, original Calhoun furnishings, Southern cooking, including golf clubs, and size J. H. Bartlett. JACKSONVILLE, FLA. ROCK WITH BATH, \$126 HOTEL BURBRIDGE. BEST MODERN FURNISHING. SE. AURORA, FLA. THE BARCELONA. Located in historic building, 1200 ft. of ocean, 100 ft. of beach, 100 ft. of view.

Store Opens 8:30 A. M. WANAMAKER'S Store Closes 6 P. M. TOMORROW AT WANAMAKER'S

Broad, Radiant Smiles Everywhere. Happy preparations are well under way in a half a million homes in and around Philadelphia. The Christmas dinner in humble homes is more important and even more thought of because less frequent than the big dinner in stately mansions. Everywhere and for almost everybody there will be some kind of a little gift.

The Cost of the Thing Is Not the Real Thing

In past Christmases the forgotten one has been heart-broken over disappointment. Even a 25-cent gift or postal card might have saved the sob or sorrow of a lonely man, woman or child. This Store stands out before you, between you and your friends, with great supplies of all sorts of little and inexpensive things for the making of happy Christmas time in every home.

[Signed] John Wanamaker December 17, 1914

The Treasure Corner A Wonderful Place for Unique Gifts. French and Flemish Sixteenth Century Tapestries—both large and splendid hangings, and little pieces suitable for chair covers and so on. Petit point—some of it modern and very interesting. French porcelains—snuff boxes, vases and other pieces. Gothic oak cupboards. Hidden electric lights of grapes and acacia blossoms. Lovely carved mantelpieces of wood and stone. Fire-screens and other things of wrought iron. Collections of hand-made glass from France and England. (Fifth Floor, Chestnut)

Freshly Reduced Dresses for the Christmas Fashion Salon. Anybody who saw the famous afternoon gowns we had a week ago to sell for \$25 will know what it means when we say that a few of them are now to be had for \$19.75. Still other evening gowns are taken out of our own stocks and reduced to the same price. A hundred or so of afternoon and street dresses are also \$19.75. Velvets, broadcloths, serges and charmeuses, many fur trimmed. Any of these will be boxed for gifts if desired. (First Floor, Central)

More Inexpensive Waists for Gifts. Three styles that we can hardly get enough of are a batiste at \$1.85 and two voiles at \$2.50 and \$3.50. All three are low-necked and long-sleeved. This is just one item out of this big Waist Store, so well provided with Christmas gifts. (Third Floor, Chestnut)

Lillian Brassieres Boxed for Gifts. No end of women are buying them to give their intimates, and there is no end of styles here between \$1 and \$18. All-over embroideries and laces, or laces and embroideries combined, are generally used for them—and sometimes the laces are lined with pink silk and trimmed with pink ribbon. (Third Floor, Chestnut)

A New Shipment of Women's Coats from London. The loose, comfortable, English coats for traveling, motoring and country wear generally—coats short and long, with huge pockets and raglan sleeves. Mostly Harris tweeds in delightful greens, browns, heather and other shades. Prices, \$20 to \$45. (First Floor, Central)

Women's Bathrobes Coming in Daily. As a matter of fact, we have shipments twice a day—a good thing when you remember how everybody buying them for gifts wants them spandy fresh. Particularly attractive sorts at \$5. (Third Floor, Central)

"No, It Looks Like Fur, But It's Really Fur Cloth". Maybe the garment in question is a beautiful fur cloth coat, lustrous and luxuriously warm, or it may be an entire walking costume, a stole and muff set or a smart little turban. The finer fur cloths are used for all these purposes this Winter, and they are very fashionable. English astrakhans, \$3.50 to \$12 a yard. Seal plushes, \$4.50 to \$16 a yard. Fancy fur effects, \$3 to \$16 a yard. A special black broadtail at \$3.50 is usually twice as much. (First Floor, Chestnut)



125 Men's Fine Silk-Lined Overcoats Special at \$25. These are among the finest overcoats we sell, but this is a special lot and at reduced price. They are staple black and oxford coats, full silk lined with silk velvet collars, and every one of them fresh from the tailor's bench. A little windfall such as is unusual so early in the Winter. (Men's Clothing Store, First Floor, Market)

1800 Pair of Men's Fine Winter Shoes at Low Special Prices. Lot No. 1—\$4 each for 400 pair of shoes, representing a surplus lot of the factory that makes more men's fine shoes than any other in the country. These are very fine goods, every pair representing a saving of at least \$2. Lot No. 2—\$3 each for 250 pair of the same maker's factory-hurt shoes, reduced to this half price because of slight superficial injuries. Lot No. 3—\$3 each for 150 pair of sample shoes in size 7-B only. These are half price. Lot No. 4—\$2.85 each for 1000 pair of gunmetal, calfskin on snappy lasts and glazed kidskin shoes, made over the Army last. You will save a dollar or more on each of these. (Main Floor, Market, and Subway Gallery)

Fitting Out Somebody's Desk for a Christmas Surprise. will give "somebody," whether it is a man or woman, a great deal of pleasure. Brass desk sets are liked by many people; \$6.50 to \$35. Spanish leather desk sets are especially nice for the business man's or woman's desk, and come plain at \$16 a set and in period designs at \$35 a set. You can have mission, tan, green, maroon or Pompeian. Book consoles in good assortment, \$2.50 to \$10 a pair. (Jewelry Store, Chestnut and Thirteenth)

Lace Albs and Surplices to Give the Church. Many people also use them for gifts to priests and choir boys. The laces are the kinds designed especially for this purpose. Priests' albs and surplices, \$15 to \$22.50. Choir boys' surplices, \$1.85 and \$2. (Main Floor, Chestnut)

Certain Traveling Bags Santa Claus Approves. The way we know is that so many of these particular kinds are being sent out as gifts. At \$5, a new style this year. Smooth, brown cowhide, leather lined, sewed corners and edges and brass trimmings. One of the best bags we have ever had at this price; 15, 16 and 18 inches. At \$7.50, a splendidly wearing black barley grain cowhide, big and roomy, leather lined and sewed corners and edges; 16 and 18 inches. At \$12.50 and \$13.50, according to size, one of the best walrus bags made. Extra large, leather lined and with hand-sewed corners; 18 and 20 inches. There are many other prices for men's and women's bags, all the way up to \$100 for a big English kit completely fitted. (Main Floor, Chestnut)

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